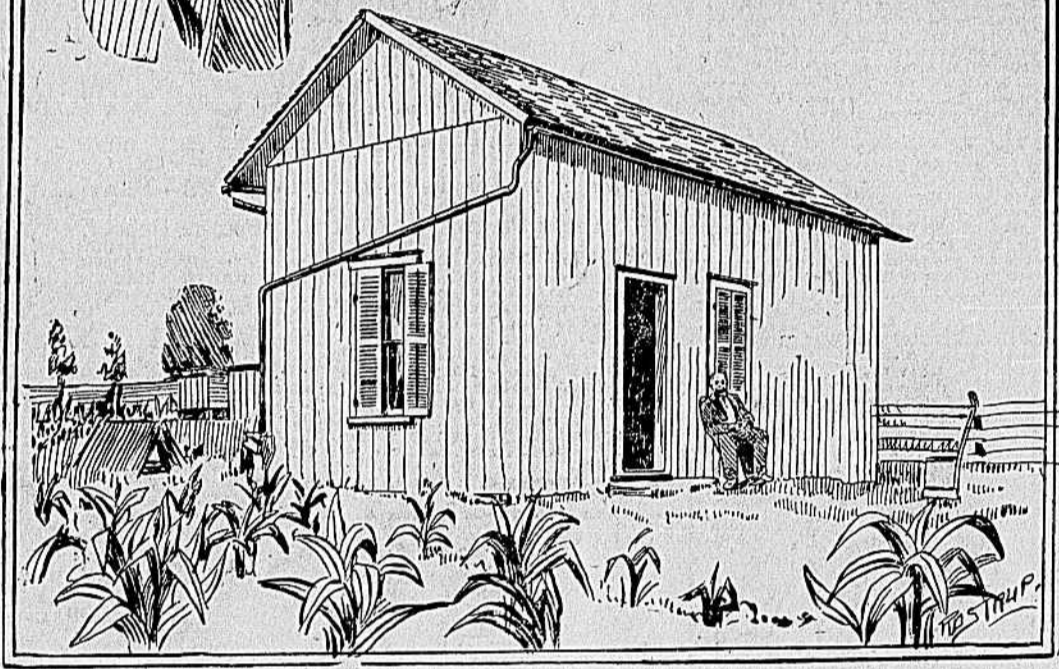
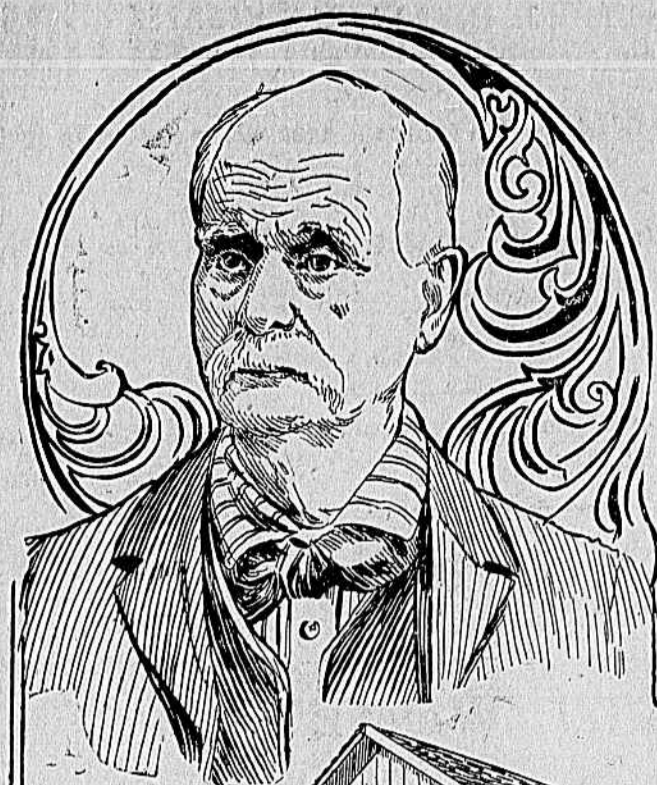


# DAN EMMETT, DIXIE'S AUTHOR, AND HIS MODEST HOME IN OHIO



DANIEL DECATUR EMMETT AND HIS MODEST HOME.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Feb. 28.—In a lonely little hermitage at the top of a steep hill, near Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Daniel Decatur Emmett, father of the Negro Minstrelsy, is slowly passing away the last few days of his eventful life. He is best known as the author of "Dixie," the soul-stirring negro melody, which served as a rallying song in two of the world's greatest wars.

Sometimes as the sun sinks in the west, Uncle Dan, as he is familiarly called, will be seen strolling up and down the road, softly humming "Dixie." He loves to talk, more especially to the young, and charmed by the old man's plaintive voice and manner he finds in their earnest listeners to his tales of the early minstrelsy. Uncle Dan is living in the past. His dreams are of his early trials and triumphs.

Now eighty-seven years of age Emmett was born in Knox county, O., only a mile from his present home. Coming from a family of musicians, whose fame is still traditional in this section, he not unnaturally showed at an early age a remarkable talent for music. His real musical career began when a boy in his teens. "At that time," said Emmett to the writer, "I was traveling with a little circus, the kind Dan Rice made famous. It devolved on me daily to present songs with banjo accompaniment. The songs

and music were of my own composition. "Later three other stranded musicians and myself sought to make a living by traveling over the country and playing banjo and violin. We also sang, but our music was not appreciated and we were rapidly being driven to either beg or starve. One night we grew desperate and for want of any other novelty to entertain the little audience which had gathered in the small New York town to hear us, I blacked my hands and face with burnt cork and sang an old plantation song, accompanying myself with my banjo. Then my companions appeared on the stage with faces blacked and we were compelled to sing, dance and play for that audience until exhausted. Every body went wild over our style of entertainment. We stayed a week and drew a large house every night. Our fame spread to other towns and soon the style of entertainment we had originated grew to be popular and continues so to-day. I was the first man to black my face and appear on the stage a veritable negro minstrel."

Prior to this time little show companies and circuses had carried with them educated negroes to sing, dance and entertain in regular plantation style. But Emmett's debut as a negro minstrel and the sing to my debut as a negro minstrel had dawned.

WHEN HE WROTE DIXIE.

"It was in 1859 that I wrote the song that made me at once famous. At that

Dixie had a peculiar origin. It was a corruption of the name Dixon, a man by this name having determined the boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania in the colonial days. The line afterwards marked the boundary between the free and slave States and between the North and the South.

Though the song brought me into the widest prominence I have never directly realized one cent on my production. Indirectly it would have made me a fortune had I been inclined to accept it. The original manuscript, for which I was once offered a large sum, was stolen from me a few years ago while I was traveling with Al. Fields' minstrels.

Since his retirement from the stage Uncle Dan has been supported by an actor's relief bureau. The association at one time found him in the wine-rooms of New Orleans, where he was making a living by playing his treasured violin. Emmett has twice been married. His present wife was an equestrienne in a circus.

Speaking of his future Uncle Dan said: "I could be a great man all over the United States, but I have had enough of fame. I am here to live and die in the home of my boyhood days. I will never leave my present home again. Though born and bred in the North, Emmett is at heart a Southerner. His treasured violin, the one on which he first played "Dixie," will some day become the property of a Southern institution, Emmett says.

veiling for the new road that will run through from East Richmond to the Creighton Road, and when completed will be of the greatest convenience to parties, both of this section, Benedict, and vicinity, and will save traveling many miles unnecessarily.

There is also a movement on foot that has been propagated by Mr. Connor, to have "phone connection from here to Richmond. Several enterprising citizens have signed with him, and what is now a talk of necessity will no doubt become a beneficial reality.

Miss Gussie Davis is quite ill at her home here. Dr. Lettwith is the attending physician.

## SEVEN PINES.

The quarterly conference will be held at Corinth M. E. Church Monday, March 24, at 10 o'clock A. M. All members and friends are requested to attend the meeting.

Mrs. James B. Lyne is quite sick with a severe cold.

Mr. W. H. Miller, who was Attorney-General under Harrison's administration, was among the distinguished visitors of the past week. He was accompanied by his wife, and they spent several hours in going over the battlefields, with James B. Lyne as guide.

Brylyn, Lyne, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Lyne, who has been critically ill with stomach trouble, is now convalescing. Dr. Lettwith is her attending physician.

Mrs. Delaware P. Wright is now able to be out, after a week's illness with the grip.

John Clarke, a very popular motor-man on the Seven Pines line of the Passenger and Power Company, gave a social hop to the young people of this and the adjoining community during the past week.

Samuel M. West is improving in health. August Hyer is now confined to his home with the grip, which at present seems to prevail in all parts of the country.

## HIGHLAND SPRINGS.

There will be services as usual to-day at 8:30 o'clock at Marshall Memorial Church, (First Unitarian), preaching by

the pastor Rev. A. N. Somers. All city cars transfer to Highland Springs.

The first quarterly conference of the Seven Pines circuit will be held at Corinth Methodist Episcopal Church, Monday at 10 A. M. All friends and members are invited. Rev. H. H. Bennett, the presiding elder, will preach at Corinth this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. J. F. Cutrell, the young pastor of the Highland Springs Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has accepted an invitation from the Woman's Study Club to make the address before them on the occasion of their annual supper, March 11th.

The regular weekly meeting of the history class and Bible study class was held as usual, on Monday and Friday evenings of the past week. Rev. A. N. Somers. They were well attended and the instruction appreciated.

The Woman's Study Club has issued invitations to friends to attend "gentlemen's night" a night set aside by all up-to-date Women's Clubs throughout the country for the purpose of entertaining their gentleman friends. This will be an innovation here in social circles, and is being looked forward to as the largest and most brilliant function of the year. An elegant supper will be served, embracing the delicacies of the season, salads, ices, etc. The invitations are limited to its members and their guests. The entire affair will take place on Wednesday evening, March 11th.

Rev. J. F. Cutrell has returned from a most pleasant visit to his mother's, in Portsmouth, spending more than a week with her. He found her much improved in health.

The Union League will meet this morning immediately after Sunday-school, which will be held in the Methodist Episcopal Church at the usual hour, 10:30 A. M.

The Highland Springs Branch of the Woman's National Alliance, will meet with Mrs. E. S. Read to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Woman's Study Club will hold its regular meeting next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and a full attendance is most earnestly desired, as ways and means will be discussed in regard to the coming reception.

Mrs. Mary C. Carter, who has recently had her eye operated on by Dr. Davidson, of Richmond, will return to the Old Dominion Hospital on next Wednesday for further treatment.

Mrs. Amos Pierce and two little daughters, Rose and Margaret, visited last Wednesday Mfr. and Mrs. Chris Schneider, the parents of Mrs. Pierce.

Miss Grace Sampson, Miss Sadie Sampson, Miss Jessie Barfoot, Miss Minnie Branchford and Miss Eva Sampson, all of Richmond, were guests of the Misses Murano during the past week.

Mr. Scott Garrett and Mr. Perry Allen, of Richmond, also visited the Misses Murano during the past week.

Mrs. William H. Christian and Mrs. John Foster, of Richmond, visited Miss Jennie Hudgens, at her home, "The Refuge," during the past week. Miss Hudgens is slowly improving from her severe bruises sustained by falling from a step-ladder about ten days ago.

Messrs. T. H. Culp and Campbell, of Richmond, dined with Mrs. F. P. Read one day during the past week, and spent the afternoon at Reddyside, the beautiful home of Mrs. F. S. Read.

Misses Minnie Lipson and Miss Beale Lee were recent visitors of Miss Elizabeth Jordan, at the "Old Plantation Farm," which is now the home of Mr. Jordan and family.

Mrs. Mayes, of Richmond, spent Friday with Mrs. Daniel A. Smith, at the Tower House.

Mr. J. W. Bible, who was quite sick some weeks ago, is now able to attend to his business.

Master Stuart, McGuire Turner has not been able to attend school during the past week, having been sick with the grip.

Master Lewis N. C. Bowers has also had the grip, which necessitated his staying at home for several days during the week.

Mr. Cairnes, of Connecticut, with his wife, arrived here during the past week. They are much pleased with the climate of Virginia, and have decided to make Highland Springs their future home.

Mrs. Mathews, late proprietress of the postoffice store, sold out her business during the past week to Mr. Cairnes.

The foundation for the new house to be built on Beech Avenue is being laid, and several more parties have about completed arrangements for buildings, which will begin in a few weeks.

Mr. J. C. Kidd has been much complaining during the past week.

Roll of honor pupils for the Highland Springs School as follows: Robert Drake, Stanley Griffen, Beverly Jordan, Douglas Kidd, John Murano, Willie Murano, Ernest Pollard, John Trimmer, Rosa Drake, Halle Jordan, Jane Kidd, Nettie Pollard, Ruth Pollard, Esther Stiles, Henrietta Trimmer.

## Death Benefits Paid.

Accory Camp, No. 6, Woodmen of the World, has paid to Mrs. Cattie A. Goodliff, widow of Mr. William H. Goodliff, the \$2,000 for which the deceased held a policy in the order.

Read BODS, third page.

## Tapped 14 Times

Edwin W. Joy's Test Case of  
Bright's Disease.

## WHEN THE SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS

men who incorporated the Jno. J. Fulton Co. were putting the Fulton Compound to practical tests in cases of Bright's Disease and Diabetes, Edwin W. Joy, the Kearny street druggist, stopped one of the investigators and said he had a friend who had an advanced case of Bright's Disease and was beyond human aid. Joy explained that he had been in one of the large city hospitals, had been tapped nearly a dozen times and was so weak that his case was looked upon as hopeless that his recovery would create a sensation and that it would be a fine test for the compound. "I told you so," said Joy, "I have a friend who has Bright's Disease and is now down on the street daily and growing stronger all the time. There is no other remedy but the Fulton Compound."

We saw sick ten months. Joy has returned. His friend is still living, but instead of the tapplings being a month apart, as formerly, he has not been tapped for over six months, and instead of being confined to a hospital he is living at home and is now down on the street daily and growing stronger all the time. There is no other remedy but the Fulton Compound.

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## JUDICIAL AMENDMENTS

### KILLED ANOTHER YEAR

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, February 23.—The closing day of the Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution was marked at the outset by a lively discussion over the report of the Committee on the Judicial Amendments. After a great deal of confusion the entire report of the Committee on Amendments was finally laid on the table on a standing vote. The motion to this effect was made by Mrs. Nash, of Tennessee, and kills the so-called judicial amendments at this Congress.

The following elections of State regents are announced, no vice-regents being elected where but one name is given: Alabama—Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, Birmingham; Miss Aurora P. McClellan, Athens.

Florida—Mrs. Fannie Taylor, Jacksonville; Mrs. Katherine L. Bagran, Vero Beach; Mrs. L. A. Gage, Mrs. M. A. Lyscomb, Louisiana—Mrs. C. H. Teabault, New Orleans.

Mississippi—Miss Allice Q. Lovell, Natchez; Mrs. Mary T. Howe, Jackson, North Carolina—Mrs. Mary C. Stringfield; Mrs. Edwin Gregory.

South Carolina—Mrs. H. W. Richardson, Mrs. George W. Nicholls, Tennessee—Mrs. H. S. Chamberlain, Mrs. J. M. Head.

Texas—Mrs. John L. Henry, Mrs. S. W. Sydnor.

Virginia—Mrs. Thomas B. Lyons.

## SHOOTING AFFAIRS

Two Men are Probably Fatally Wounded in Bluefield.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BLUEFIELD, W. VA., February 23.—Two other probably fatal shooting affrays occurred in Bluefield this afternoon. William Robertson, of Oakvale, and William Herald, of Ada, were walking along the railroad track in the east end of the city, when they quarreled. The yardmaster pacified them, but hardly had he turned his back when Robertson drew a revolver and shot Herald through the neck. Robertson ran down the track. Officers procured a hand car and gave chase. He was overtaken one mile east of the city. When he saw that he was about to be captured he made another wild dash for liberty. Three officers fired at him almost simultaneously, and he fell to the ground. Herald is slightly wounded on the first section of Bluefield and has a family. He is thirty-five years old. Robertson is a lumber

contractor, is twenty-four years old, single, and lives at Oakvale. The men had been intimate friends for years, and the cause of the trouble to-day is a mystery.

## WINSTON TOBACCO

Dodson Brothers' Factory to Resume Operations at Once.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., February 23.

Leaf tobacco sales on the Winston market this month aggregated 1,902,244 pounds. It brought \$164,550.44. Manufacturers shipped 2,232,716 pounds.

Judge Neal continues the receivership in the case of Dodson Brothers, tobacco manufacturers at Pilot Mountain, by agreement of all parties concerned. E. W. Culler, of Pinebluff, was appointed to act with J. L. King, of Greensboro, as receivers. The factory, which has been idle since a receiver was appointed, will now resume operations.

COLUMB GAVE WAY

And There Was a Rush to Get Out of a Big Roanoke Store.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ROANOKE, VA., February 23.—Considerable excitement was created in the store of Watt, Hettew and Clay, the largest dry goods establishment in the city, this afternoon by the foundation of one of the iron columns in the main store room giving away. The store was crowded at the time with customers, and while the greatest excitement prevailed, and visitors, store girls and managers left in a hurry, there was no panic.

The volunteer fire organization ceased to exist at 8 o'clock to-night, and Roanoke has at last a paid fire department. The Junior Hose Company, the oldest in the city, held a meeting to-night and organized a veteran association.

## IN JOINT SESSION

North Carolina Legislators Elect Trustees of the University.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) RALEIGH, N. C., February 23.—The Senate and House of Representatives met at 12 o'clock to-day in joint session to elect trustees of the State University.

The following were chosen: M. J. Hawkins, Warren; E. M. Armfield, Guilford; Victor S. Bryant, Durham; O. Thomas

Basley, Wake; W. H. S. Burgwyn, Raleigh; R. B. Crocely, Pasquotank; John W. Graham, Orange; Charles W. Worth, New Hanover; P. G. James, Pitt; R. B. Redwine, Union; R. A. Johnson, Rich. Murphy, Rowan; Fred L. Carr, Greene; Perry Busbee, Wake; Charles McNamee, Buncombe; Leo T. Mann, Gaston; George Rountree, New Hanover; Z. V. Wager, Davidson; E. D. Winston, Bertie; Owen H. Gullen, Craven, was elected, vice W. T. McCarthy, deceased, for term ending November 30, 1906.

The following for same term: William R. Kennan, New Hanover, vice William H. Chadbourne, deceased; J. Allen Holt, Guilford, vice George B. Butler; A. H. Galloway, Rockingham, vice Thomas B. Keogh; A. W. Graham, Granville, vice Edward H. Meadows; Thomas S. Rollins, Madison, vice J. M. Rollins, deceased, for term ending November 30, 1907; Daniel R. Hudgens, McDowell, vice John A. Robelling, resigned.

The following for term ending November 30, 1909: George G. Elliott, resigned, burg; Vice Warren G. Elliott, resigned, burg; J. M. G. Sherrill was re-elected State librarian, and the joint session adjourned.

ANOTHER VICE-PRESIDENT FOR THE SOUTHERN

A rumor is going around to the effect that the Southern Railway, owing to the increased business it is called upon to handle, and the extended territory over which it has control, is about to create a third vice-presidential office. Mr. C. V. Richards, land and industrial agent of the Southern Railway, at Winston, has been named in connection with that office. The creation of such an additional office would seem to be in line with the progressive spirit which is dominating the present administration of the railroad.

Missionary Sociable.

A missionary sociable will be given at St. James Methodist Church Wednesday evening to be addressed by Mrs. Collier, missionary to Korea. There will be a reception by Miss Kate Puller.

Franklin-Street Sacrifice.

Monument Ave. close in; owner 24 wants to close out—needs money—send \$300 for lot. Acres 144. First 24 \$300. Real Estate Trust Co.

## THE WEEK'S EVENTS IN THE SUBURBS.

### Barion Heights.

The following is a list of scholars on the roll of honor for the week ending:

Fifth Grammar Grade—Miss Kate Glinn, teacher—Grace Chamberlain, Estelle Harland, Kathleen Gordon, Elizabeth Jeter, Charlie Harman, James Satterwhite and Edith Hagland.

Third Grammar Grade—Miss Lillie Fodd, teacher—Evelyn Carpenter and Mollie Duval.

Second Grammar Grade—Miss Lillie Fodd, teacher—Mary Crouch, Blanche Harman, Emma Hopkins, Ruth Hopkins, Fannie Lillie, Jessie Wilkinson, Meta Wilkinson, Mattie Raines, Buford Rose, Horace Gans and Bradstreet Peaseley.

First Grammar Grade—Miss Hubie Frenchaw, teacher—Hugh Chamberlain, Ralph Eaton, Hugh Noel, Henry Taylor, Fred Whitehurst, Ruth Carpenter, Annie Garland, Navini Haupt, Mary Leach, Marian Moffat, Helen Rose and Ada Scott.

Sixth Primary Grade—Miss Winton, teacher—Otha Kittinger, Ethel Baughan, Violet Chamberlain and Grace Phillips.

Fourth Primary Grade—Miss Pauline Gary, teacher—Elizabeth Armstrong, Mary Carpenter, Florence Harris, Katharine Jones, Louise Kellogg, Lillian Noble, Lillian Satterfield and Elsie Knus.

Second Primary Grade—Miss Pauline Gary, teacher—Elliott Baughan, Rodger McLeiland, Harvie Goddin, Brownie Brown, Alma Hornor, Elizabeth Christian, Louise Weldenfolt and Marie Ellis.

Mr. Jordan has returned to his home in Manchester after a visit to friends in Brookland Park.

Miss Irene Jackson is quite sick at her home on North Avenue.

Miss Lona Kelly, who has been quite sick at her home on Brook Road, is improving.

Mrs. McPheerson, of Berkeleyville, Va., is

visiting Mrs. Johnson, near the Seminary.

Miss Alice Gammon has returned to her home in Fredericksburg, Va., after a very pleasant visit to Miss Zaida English, at the Seminary.

Mr. R. W. Taylor has returned to his home from a business trip to North Carolina.

Miss Dolly Jones, of Chesterfield, is visiting Mrs. S. P. Jones, of Luck Avenue.

Master Charlie Jones is quite sick at his home, on North Avenue.

Miss Edna Lee, who has been quite sick at her home, on North Avenue, is able to be out again.

Mr. W. W. Croxton, of Washington, D. C., expects to visit his mother, Mrs. N. B. Croxton, of Monteiro Avenue, in a few days.

## EAST RICHMOND.

Little Trinity M. E. Church, Rev. J. F. Cutrell, pastor. Preaching to-day at 11 o'clock. Subject: "Personal Work."

The members and friends of this congregation are requested to attend the quarterly conference at Corinth Church to-day at 8 P. M. and Monday at 10 A. M., already announced.

The little class of young men have shown the thorough appreciation and confidence they feel in their teacher, Mr. Rayhorn, by their regular attendance. They come in large numbers to the school, and Mr. Rayhorn hopes long to give them a musical treat by accompanying the piano with his cornet.

Mr. Lowe and family expect to move to Michigan at an early date. He has already gone, to accept the position of manager in a large factory there. His friends wish him success in his new enterprise.

There will be an oyster supper at the Sunday-school hall on Thursday evening, March 12th, at 8 o'clock, given by the "Nickel Social Club."

Parties were out on Wednesday sur-